



# SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

**Horry School District**  
**Grades: PK-12** Enrollment: 38,517  
**Superintendent: Dr. Cynthia Elsberry**  
**Board Chair: Will Garland**

## PERFORMANCE

Comprehensive detail, including definitions of ratings, performance criteria, and explanations of status, is available on [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov) and [www.eoc.sc.gov](http://www.eoc.sc.gov) as well as school and school district websites. Printed versions are available from school districts upon request.

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2011	Good	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2010	Good	Good	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA
2009	Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CDI

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
2	7	10	2	0

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. Districts with Students Like Ours are Districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

### PASS

PASS	2011 Reading	2011 Math	2011 Science	2011 Social Studies	2011 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above
District	78.1%	79.5%	74.8%	77.9%	76.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	74.7%	74.1%	69.0%	72.8%	72.8%
Average District	74.3%	73.6%	69.0%	73.0%	73.1%

PASS	2011 Reading	2011 Math	2011 Science	2011 Social Studies	2011 Writing
	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary
District	45.6%	44.7%	28.4%	41.3%	38.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	40.1%	35.1%	22.6%	32.0%	33.0%
Average District	40.4%	35.5%	23.3%	33.3%	33.7%

### HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtest (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	83.6%	10.2%	6.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	78.3%	12.6%	9.1%

### HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2011 (%)

District	93.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	92.1%

### End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	74.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	65.4%

### On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	75.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	77.5%

\*\* Districts with Students Like Ours are districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

### NAEP\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



### SC PERFORMANCE VISION

*By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.*

#### Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined  
 NI Newly Identified CDI Continuing District Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY District Improvement Status HOLD District Improvement Status

# Horry School District

## DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
<b>Students (n=38,517)</b>				
Retention rate	1.6%	Up from 1.4%	1.9%	2.3%
Attendance rate	95.5%	Down from 95.6%	95.7%	95.8%
Served by gifted and talented program	24.7%	Up from 24.0%	16.9%	14.0%
With disabilities other than speech	8.5%	Down from 12.8%	8.0%	7.4%
Older than usual for grade	1.7%	Down from 2.5%	2.7%	3.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.9%	Down from 1.7%	0.4%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	19.8%	Down from 20.9%	16.2%	12.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	55.5%	N/A	44.9%	52.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	41.3%	Up from 30.9%	32.2%	30.3%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	425	Up from 308	79	66
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	197	Up from 140	43	35
Annual dropout rate	3.8%	Down from 4.7%	2.9%	2.8%
<b>Teachers (n=2,561)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	58.9%	Up from 57.3%	62.9%	61.2%
Continuing contract teachers	84.6%	Up from 84.2%	87.5%	85.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	93.6%	Up from 93.0%	91.6%	90.3%
Teacher attendance rate	94.8%	Up from 94.1%	95.3%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,561	Up 0.6%	\$47,560	\$46,166
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.5%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.9%	Up from 2.1%	1.3%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	20.5 days	Up from 18.1 days	12.2 days	12.2 days
<b>District</b>				
Superintendent's years at district	3.0	Up from 2.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.0 to 1	Up from 22.0 to 1	20.9 to 1	21.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.3%	Up from 87.9%	89.9%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,944	Down 1.8%	\$9,221	\$9,140
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.6%	Down from 55.7%	54.6%	53.5%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	59.8%	Up from 59.1%	57.8%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	50	Up from 49	11	9
Portable classrooms	5.0%	Up from 3.3%	1.0%	1.4%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	48.0	Down from 49.0	11.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	97.8%	Up from 95.7%	96.2%	96.6%
Average administrator salary	\$88,360	Up 1.1%	\$77,972	\$78,000
Number of charter schools	2	Up from 1	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	94.6%		93.1%	93.1%

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES STUDENT PERFORMANCE

	PASS	HSAP	End-of-Course Tests
Passage Rate	I/S	I/S	52.6%

## CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
BRIDGEWATER ACADEMY CHARTER(ELEM. )	Average	Excellent	Not Met
BRIDGEWATER ACADEMY CHARTER(MIDDLE )	Average	Average	Not Met
PALMETTO ACADEMY OF LEARNING(ELEM. )	Excellent	Average	Met
PALMETTO ACADEMY OF LEARNING(MIDDLE )	Good	Average	Met

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Many new records were reached this year. The Class of 2011 earned \$48.2 million in scholarships; 78 percent of the 2,186 graduates plan to attend a college or university. The SAT average climbed six points with a two percent increase in test takers. The ACT composite rose two-tenths of a point with 12 percent more test takers. The number of Advanced Placement tests taken grew by 12 percent, as well. Twenty-two schools were honored by the SC Education Oversight Committees for significantly improving the performance of low-achieving students.

Loris Middle earned the prestigious Palmetto's Finest Award. Through the South Carolina Bar Association, Forestbrook Middle and North Myrtle Beach High won state championships for Mock Trial. Ocean Bay Middle was named the Middle School of the Year, the Early College High School won first place in the Project Citizen Showcase, and the Scholars Academy won the state championship and the Southeastern States Region Award for We The People. Burgess Elementary's School Improvement Council was awarded the 2011 Riley School Improvement Award. Myrtle Beach High's Football Team and St. James High's Baseball Team won Class AAA State Championships.

Socastee High was again listed among America's Best High Schools by Newsweek magazine. Green Sea Floyds and North Myrtle Beach high schools were ranked among America's Best High Schools by US News and World Report. St. James High received the Outstanding High Schools That Work School Award. The district received Honorable Mention in the 17th Annual Magna Awards sponsored by the American School Board Journal for our success in reducing drop-outs.

Technology took center stage with the placement of interactive whiteboards in every elementary classroom. Our HCS Virtual School nearly tripled in enrollment as we added choices and flexibility to the curriculum. A second Technology Fair was held with 400 students showcasing 21st century learning. The robotics team from the Academy of Art, Science and Technology placed second at state and regional robotics competition. Socastee High took first place at the state level and advanced to nationals for underwater robotics. A Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) program opened last August to complement our other offerings of the Scholars Academy, Early College, International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, Virtual School, and career and technical programs.

Thank you for your support of our work to be a premier, world-class school system that represents your expectations for a high-quality center of teaching and learning.

Dr. Cindy Elsberry, Superintendent

Comprehensive detail, including definitions of ratings, performance criteria, and explanations of status, is available on [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov) and [www.eoc.sc.gov](http://www.eoc.sc.gov) as well as school and school district websites.

Printed versions are available from school districts upon request.

### Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined